

FAUQUIER COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 28, 2002 – 5:00 p.m.
Warrenton-Fauquier Airport Conference Room

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Fauquier County Airport Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 5:00 p.m. on 28 January in the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport Conference Room, Midland, Virginia. In attendance were:

Committee (Voting) Members:

James W. Van Luven
Charles M. Medvitz
Sharon Grove McCamy

Lee District Representative, Chairman
Scott District Representative
Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
Lee District Representative
Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
Cedar Run District

Ray Graham

Citizen at Large
Citizen at Large
Marshall District Representative

Willis P. Risdon
Dennis Hunsberger
Arthur Nash

County Staff:

Tony Hooper
Billy Jenkins

Assistant County Administrator
County Operations and Services Supervisor

Staff:

Cindi Martin
Chad Carper
Ron Gatewood

Campbell & Paris Engineers
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Tracey Corporation – FBO

Guests:

John E. King
Dutch Rauch
David Fields

Absent:

Kenneth W. Hyde

Center District Representative

2. Adoption of the Agenda:

Sharon McCamy moved and Ray Graham seconded a motion to adopt the agenda as presented that was carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes:

Sharon McCamy moved and Dennis Hunsberger seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2001 meeting that was carried unanimously.

4. Nomination of Airport Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

It was the consensus of the committee that Jim VanLuven and Willis Risdon be appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

5. Airport Security Matters:

Information from the State Department of Aviation was previously distributed. Ron Gatewood indicated that was in close coordination with the Sheriff's office and information was being disseminated to pilots. Cindi Martin also provided information and offered to provide security information that she had prepared from the Stafford Regional Airport.

6. Update from Campbell and Paris:

Chad Carper indicated that the site work for the new T-hangar was progressing well and that Mr. Gatewood was able to begin footing and foundation work. Chad also reported that the preliminary plan for the runway improvement and extension project would be submitted on February 7, 2002. A meeting of Airport Committee members with Cindi Martin to continue work on the Business Plan is scheduled for February 1, 2002.

7. Update from Tony Hooper:

Tony Hooper reported that the next Virginia Aviation Board meeting would be on February 20, 2002 in Richmond. He, Jim VanLuven, and Willis Risdon will attend. He reported that funding from the FAA for Messick property acquisition had been received and the County repaid the advanced funding. Other grant reimbursement requests are in process. He reported that the Warrenton Town Council had appointed Councilman Sparky Lewis to the Airport Committee and that he had met to provide an initial orientation. Mr. Lewis will be at the February meeting. Tony Hooper indicated that he would appear before the Transportation committee on January 30, 2002 as the first step in process of relocating a portion of Route 648 to comply with Federal Airport Safety Standards. He reported that the County Administrator was considering a proposal to raise the tax on recreation vehicles that would include airplanes. After the budget is submitted to the Board of Supervisors, the Airport Committee will have an opportunity to comment on the proposal. He reported that work continues on a waste disposal system to serve the airport and surrounding business properties. Mr. VanLuven asked that Richard Calderon be invited to the next meeting to update the committee on the Midland Service District plan. Billy Jenkins reported on maintenance of the possibility of fencing in the fuel

area. The issue will be considered as a part of the process of updating the Airport Master Plan.

8. Roundtable:

Ron Gatewood reported on the T-hangar construction indicating that the pad would be completed in February and that the steel for the T-hangar is scheduled to arrive in early March 2002. The building should be complete by the end of April 2002.

Jim VanLuven brought up the issue of constructing a new maintenance facility either through a land-lease approach, through County construction, or through some public-private venture. The committee decided to review this issue in the context of the business plan.

Jim thanked Ron Gatewood for providing air transportation for five committee members to visit the Stafford Regional Airport and Culpeper Airport. The visits and discussions with the airport managers were beneficial.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 25, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. The Finance Committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.